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STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

Minutes

March 13, 2006

Lake Natoma Inn

702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA

Attendees:

Art Cota, Dick Reed, Paul Bestolarides, Laura Lorman, Kevin Brame, Sherrean Carr, Bob Pollard, Sara Denham, Frank Abbott, Anita Bart, Ron Allen, Veronica Mireles

Meeting called to order by Mr. Art Cota. The agenda, roster, and travel expense reimbursement forms were distributed to all committee members. Committee members introduced themselves. Mr. Frank Abbott attended representing Lucia Robles from the Chancellor's Office. A few additions to the agenda were made. Mr. Paul Bestolarides updated the committee on the Folsom Prison tour scheduled for Tuesday, March 14. Mr. Art Cota briefly described the purposed of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee meetings, and that the location of these meetings are bounced back and forth between North and South California. The Committee tries to tour a training facility, and any suggestions for future tours are welcome. The Committee discussed possibly touring the Stockton Prison.

Mr. Frank Abbott presented the Chancellor's Office Report. 2007-2008 grants will become Competitive. Perkins (VTEA) is in committee. Public Safety may continue to be funded the way it currently is. There is no intent to reduce Public Safety grants. It is very secure in getting the same amount of money next fiscal year. Not sure of what date Perkins will be passed.

Paul Betolarides discussed the Correctional Officer Training Program. Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation proposed an 18 mo. contract to try projects in colleges with good size academies. CDCR put out three competitive bids for grants of 300K each. Napa, Fresno, Santa Rosa Jr. Colleges are each to produce 20 cadets, and submit a full-blown approach by December 31, 2005. They were approved by the CDCR. Start dates are: Fresno 3/25/2006, Napa TBA, Santa Rosa 7/31/2006. Curriculum is done, and if there is time, they'd like to do an academy at Grossmont College in San Diego. Open enrollment is not a problem at moment. Students will fill out a State Application. They will be assigned to an academy, giving them ability to choose the location. The students would go through their background screening while going through the academy. At the end of the academy, they would be offered a job with the CDCR. Some concerns are the wait time, which is currently 2 – 3 years, and the contingent offers which are not clear and still need to be worked out in the program. There are no issues with union involvement of the curriculum. Paul informed



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the committee of the total vacancies for correctional officers statewide, which are 4,200. A general concern was discussed of the poor writing and communication skills among students.

Committee discussed developing a project to attract people into law enforcement, in Colleges, by educating career counselors and students. A recommendation will be included in the final report. Committee discussed concerns over early promotions, and the problem being that people with little experience are being promoted. The committee agreed on forming a sub-committee to develop a leadership project that would be funded from current year. Dick Reed, Paul Bestolarides, Anita Bart, David Senior, and Art Cota will form that sub-committee. Chancellor's Office will want to know what is being done now about, and how the Committee will use the resources it receives. Ways to get people to attend this leadership project were discussed. Main ideas were: paying for people's travel expenses, having something that people want to hear, and having a location that is close to home, possibly hosted at a training facility. Target audience should include counselors, industry members, program staff (Fire Tech, Academy), deans, vice-presidents counselor's supervisors, and Fire and Police officers. Marketing should be targeted towards CEO's, so they can see that this program is important. Mr. Art Cota suggested a generic commercial to promote this project.

Committee discussed having the California Highway Patrol join the committee.

Travel Expenses/Reimbursement forms should be given to Veronica Mireles so they could be forwarded to Shirley Andre.

Mr. Art Cota announced Mrs. Marianne Miller as the liaison for the 300K grants. The SACPSE website will contain updated minutes and the roster. Updating the website will be a topic of discussion for the next meeting.

Committee discussed grant activities and project briefings. Professional Development for Fire Service allocated 35-50K in Public Safety Symposium because they weren't drawing enough from Fire side. Up ability of direct workshops from 20 people up to 600-700 people. This would be a two -fold strategy by partnering with existing programs and new projects. Location for this project will be in Santa Clara County.

The Leadership and Ethics project is a challenge because it does not lead to certification. How to infuse this program for certification in a Fire Academy was discussed. This course consists of four 40-hour workshops aimed at entry-level professionals. Would like to Modify and condense this to a 40-hour standalone course for administrators. This would be designed for Police, Fire, and Corrections. Marketing would be targeted at specific chiefs. Complete briefing will be continued at next meeting.

The First Responder Symposium is scheduled for June 13, 2006 at the San Jose Radisson. This project is aimed at law enforcement instructors, who are part time police officers, those in the Fire service and CEO's. A handout was given to all Committee members that details outline of the project. A keynote speaker has not been selected. Registrations can be

made online. There is a maximum enrollment of 125 people. Committee discussed sending a letter to the Chancellor talking about the need for this program. Ideas can be emailed to [Shereean Carr](#).

CAJEE is scheduled in the Long Beach area.

Mr. Art Cota discussed what is needed to complete the Final Report, these items include: what to address, recommendations, trends (what does the Chancellor's Office need to address), problems with high importance, and development of generic language. Any ideas can be emailed to [Art Cota](#) or [Veronica Mireles](#). Last year's Final Report will be emailed to committee members.

Committee went over organizational reports. Mrs. Laura Lorman suggested modifying the Committee's mission statement.

FROM: Our mission is to provide input to the Chancellor's Office in regards to industry needs and direction.

We maintain a close liaison with the Chancellor's Office to assure that the community colleges provide the training and education necessary to meet these needs. As industry needs change, they are evaluated and eventually integrated to the respective curriculum.

This will guarantee that we can place students in the industry with skills that can assure their success.

TO: Our mission is to maintain a close liaison with and provide input to the Chancellor's Office in regards to the needs and future direction of Public Safety in California and provide information and advice regarding safety and security issues on the community college campuses.

We also strive to assure that the community colleges provide the necessary training and education to meet the identified needs and future direction of Public Safety. The objective is to place students in Public Safety careers with skills that can assure their success.

This topic will be added to the agenda for the May 9th meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 9th, 2006, at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm.